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SUBJECT: COUNTERVAILING DUTIES -- FOOTWEAR

1. TREASURY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SUCHMAN MET THURSDAY, JANUARY 16 WITH MINISTRY OF ECONOMY OFFICIAL DE JEAN DEL CASTILLO, REPRESENTATIVE OF ARGENTINE FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY, AND ARGENTINE EMBASSY OFFICERS. SUCHMAN EXPLAINED STATUS OF FOOTWEAR CASE, DESCRIBED INDUSTRY AND POLITICAL PRESSURES FOR ACTION IN U.S. AND INFORMED ARGENTINES THAT NEXT COURT REVIEW WAS SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 12.

2. DISCUSSION TURNED TO CIFEN AND ACCEPTABLE WAYS IN WHICH
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IT MIGHT OPERATE. SUCHMAN EXPLAINED THAT WITHOUT A

DETAILED PROPOSAL IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR TREASURY EXPERTS TO CONCLUDE WHETHER CIFEN OPERATION INVOLVED BOUNTY OR GRANT. HE DESCRIBED INFORMATION WHICH TREASURY WOULD NEED.

3. ARGENTINES SAID THEY WERE ANXIOUS TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM. AGREED TO SUBMIT FURTHER DETAILS ON CIFEN TO EMBASSY IN BUENOS AIRES ON URGENT BASIS.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CABLE FULL DETAILS OF ANY PROPOSAL RECEIVED, VERBATUM IF POSSIBLE. TREASURY OFFICIALS WILLING TO WORK CLOSELY WITH ARGENTINES TO RESOLVE MATTER AND

PREPARED TO CAREFULLY EXAMINE ANY PROPOSAL AND IDENTIFY ACCEPTABLE AND NON-ACCEPTABLE FEATURES AND BRING THE LATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF GOA FOR POSSIBLE MODIFICATION.

5. EMBASSY WILL BE INFORMED OF RESULTS OF GOMEZ MORALES MEETINGS WITH ROBINSON AND SIMON BY SEPTTEL. KISSINGER

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